Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Job Posting

Job Title: FISHERIES TECHNICIAN

Department: Natural Resources

Reports To: Great Lakes Fisheries Program Manager

Status: Non-Exempt

Salary Range: \$11.85 - \$16.03 (Term Position)

Level 2

Opens: April 18, 2018 Closes: May 09, 2018

SUMMARY

Provides support to the Great Lakes Fisheries Program and Natural Resources Department by assisting and aiding with research, fieldwork, and data collection and management. Primary duties will revolve around LTBB Commercial Fisheries Monitoring. This position is funded for 1080 hours (approx. 6 months) with the possibility of extension.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

Research

- Research issues and topics as assigned by Fisheries Program Manager or Natural Resource Director.
 Majority of responsibilities will relate to the LTBB Commercial Fisheries Research and Monitoring.
- Assist Fisheries Program Manager in coordinating monitoring design.
- Assist in lab work and research.
- Assist Fisheries Program Manager in preparation of reports, presentations and/or published papers.
- Investigate possible funding opportunities.
- Assist and participate in current research projects
- Investigate potential fishery enhancement projects/developments.
- Assist Fisheries Program Manager in the analysis and graphing of collected data.
- Operate computer equipment and technology as relates to job (GIS, Image Pro, Excel, R, various photo editing software programs).

Fieldwork and Laboratory

- Coordinate with Commercial Fishermen and conduct commercial harvest sub-sampling.
- Participate in fisheries program assessments using a variety of gear types (gill nets, trawls, seines, impoundment nets, hydroacoustics).
- Assist in collection, analysis, and recording of biological data (sex, age, maturity, spawning condition, diet, health status) of harvested fish.
- Operate, maintain and clean scales, field computers, thin sectioning equipment, microscopes, knives and forceps.
- Analyze scale, fin, maxillae, and/or otolith samples for age estimation.
- Responsible for transporting and operating Tribal research vessels.
- Download and archived data and underwater video collected from field.
- Catalog and organize a large number of biological samples

• Operate various types of field equipment (GPS, field meters, radios, power tools, etc. as needed).

Other Duties

- Assist in composting of fishery assessments offal.
- Assist in maintaining fisheries equipment (boat, trucks, lab equipment, etc.).
- Other duties as assigned.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.) from four-year College or university preferred; a minimum of 60 credits completed in Fishery/Wildlife, Biology, or related program, or one year related experience in fisheries management, research, or related field. Familiarity with operation of boats and standard fisheries assessment gear required. Experience with fish data collection, aging techniques, and Great Lakes boat operation preferred. SCUBA open-water certification is desirable. Valid driver's license required.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

While performing the duties of this position, the employee will be required to stand, walk, use hands, handle, or feel, reach with hands and arms, climb or balance, swim, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl especially when working with fisheries equipment on the lake. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 100 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move more than 100 pounds.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Will be regularly exposed to wet and/or humid condition and extreme outdoor weather conditions. The employee will be frequently exposed to moving mechanical parts. Occasionally field duties will require traveling long distances in harsh weather. Travel and stay at remote locations is expected.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Must be able to work on the Great Lakes in all weather conditions. Must be mechanically inclined so as to be able to maintain and make minor repairs on the fisheries assessment vessel and equipment.

COMMENTS

Indian Preference will apply.